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New York District

## **Hackensack Meadowlands Project New Jersey**

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### **FACT SHEET**

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Hackensack River Basin is situated in the northeasterly part of the State of New Jersey and the most southerly section of State of New York, west of the Hudson River. The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) is the regional planning authority for a 32 square mile district located less than 10 miles from New York City. Section 324 of Water Resources Development Act of 1992 authorizes the Secretary to provide design and construction assistance to NJMC in the following areas: mitigation and enhancement for significant wetland that contribute to the Meadowlands ecosystems; development and implementation of a regional systems to protect, preserve, and monitor wetlands; water quality monitoring; watershed cleanup at Bellmans and Penhorn Creeks; storm water management research and demonstration; tide gate improvement and reconstruction to control flooding in the Berry's Creek drainage basin; and research and development of a water quality improvement program.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Section 324 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-580), as amended by Section 550 of WRDA 1996.

**STATUS:** An appropriation of \$2,500,000 was made in Fiscal Year 1995. The NJMC is the local sponsor for this project. The General Management Plan (GMP), outlining the implementation strategy for the proposed work, has been approved. The initial effort will involve performing a hydraulic modeling study of the Hackensack River and its tributaries. The hydraulic modeling study will also examine possible flood control projects. The Waterways Experiment Station (WES), of the US Army Corps of Engineers, will be performing the study. Discussions with the NJMC on the scope of work for the hydraulic modeling study have been completed. The Design Agreement for the project has been executed between the New York District and the NJMC. A parent model of the Hackensack and its tributaries was completed in February 2002. Two child models were completed in February 2002 and the remaining child model will be completed in early 2004.

**PROJECT COST:**

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| Estimated Federal Cost     | \$5,000,000 |
| Estimated Non-Federal Cost | \$1,666,667 |
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| Total                      | \$6,666,667 |

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